In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A silicon rubber composition comprising a hydrocarbon extender oil, wherein the oil is a Fischer-Tropsch derived oil and wherein the oil content in the composition is between 20 and 40 wt% based on the weight of rubber and oil.

2. (Previously Presented) The silicon rubber of claim 1, wherein the kinematic viscosity at 40 °C of the oil is between 5 and 18 mm^2/sec.

3. (Previously Presented) The silicon rubber of claim 2, wherein the kinematic viscosity at 40 °C of the oil is between 5 and 12 mm^2/sec.

4. (Previously Presented) The silicon rubber of claim 1, wherein the pour point of the oil is below –20 °C.

5. (Previously Presented) The silicon rubber of claim 1, wherein the CN number of the oil as measured according to IEC 590 is between 15 and 30%.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The silicon rubber of claims 1, wherein the oil is obtained by a process comprising:

(a) hydrocracking/hydroisomerizing a Fischer-Tropsch product; and,

(b) separating the product of step (a) into at least one or more fuel fractions and an extender oil fraction.

8. (Previously Presented) The silicon rubber of claim 7, wherein the extender oil has also been subjected to a catalytic dewaxing treatment.

Claim 9 (Canceled).